

BETHEL DIRECTORY.

ARRANGEMENT OF MAILS.
Mails Close.
GROSS EAST, 8.30 a. m. S. P. m. Closed mail for Portland and all points beyond 8.15 p. m. GROSS WEST, 10.40 a. m. 4.15 p. m. For Albany 4.30 p. m. For Lakeside and intermediate offices, 11.30 a. m.
Mails Arrive.
FROM EAST, 11.10 a. m. 4.45 p. m. From Portland and points beyond 7 a. m.
FROM WEST, 7 a. m. 8 a. m. From Albany 3.15 p. m. From Lakeside and intermediate offices 2.30 p. m.
Office Hours: 7 a. m. to 12.30 p. m., Sundays 12.10 to 12.30 p. m., 6 to 6.30 p. m.

CHURCHES.
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Main Street.
Pastor, Rev. A. Hamilton, Reidence, Main Street.
SABBATH SERVICES, Preaching 10.45 a. m., Sunday School 12 m., Epworth League Devotional Service, 7.45 p. m., G. C. S. Meeting, 7.30 p. m.
Epworth League business and literary meeting first Monday in each month.
TUESDAY, Class Meeting at 7.30.
WEDNESDAY, Ladies' Circle first and third Wednesday evening of each month.
FRIDAY, Prayer meeting 7.30.
SATURDAY, Junior League 2.30 p. m.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, Rev. F. E. Barton, Pa. tor, Residence next door to church.
SABBATH SERVICES, Preaching 10.45 a. m., Sunday School 12 m., P. C. S. G. C. S. P. m. Prayer Meeting 7.30 p. m.; Wednesday Eve'g Prayer Meeting 7.30 p. m.
CONGREGATIONALIST CHURCH, Rev. Israel Jordan, Pastor.
SABBATH SERVICES, Preaching at 10.45 by Mr. G. O. Foster, Sunday School 12 m., G. C. S. P. m. at 4 p. m. Wednesday, Social service 4 p. m.

SOCIETIES.
ODD FELLOWS.
MOUNT ABRAHAM LODGE No. 31, Meetings: Saturday evening each week. Officers: Wm. W. Grover, M. W. P. C. S. G. C. S. P. m. Secy, Henry Fairwell, Rec. Secy, C. S. York, Treas. S. E. French.
TU ESUES, A. D. Rank, John E. Foster.
MASONIC.
BETHEL LODGE No. 97, Reg. Com., 21 Thursday every month. E. S. Willard, Master, A. W. Grover, S. W. P. C. S. G. C. S. P. m. Secy, Wm. W. Grover, Treas., J. E. French.
OXFORD H. A. C. No. 22, Stated Conventions: Thursday, every month, 12.10 to 1.30 p. m. H. P. L. T. Willard, M. W. P. C. S. G. C. S. P. m. Secy, C. H. A. W. Grover, P. S. N. E. Richardson, R. A. D. M. W. Grover, S. E. S. S. Willard, Treas.

GRAND ARMY.
BROWN POST No. 31, A. W. Grover, P. C. J. W. Barrows, Adj. T. H. French, Secy. and third Tuesday evening of each month. President, Mrs. Cyrene Littlefield, Sec.

UNITED ORDER OF THE GOLDEN CROSS.
GRAND VICE COMMANDER, No. 48, meet the first Monday evening of each month. J. W. Barrows, Noble Commander, Mrs. Carrie Arno, Vice, Fannie Bell, Secy, Wm. W. Grover, Treasurer, J. E. French, Financial Keeper of the Fund, Calvin Blaine, Worthy Master, Dr. J. A. Norton, Worthy Pastor, T. H. French, Worthy Herald.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS.
HELPING HAND LODGE No. 227, meet every Thursday evening at 7.30. Officers: Wm. W. Grover, Master, J. E. French, Secy, J. W. Barrows, Noble Commander, Mrs. Carrie Arno, Vice, Fannie Bell, Secy, Wm. W. Grover, Treasurer, J. E. French, Financial Keeper of the Fund, Calvin Blaine, Worthy Master, Dr. J. A. Norton, Worthy Pastor, T. H. French, Worthy Herald.

UNITED ORDER OF PILGRIM FATHERS.
SUBJECT, Col. No. 50, John R. Chapman, Gov. E. C. Per. Secy, E. S. Willard, Treas.

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HANOVER.
Mrs. J. N. Taylor made a short visit in town recently.

Friday night a little daughter came to cheer the home of Forest Howe.

Mrs. C. C. Billings has a new washing machine, purchased of L. A. Roberts.

M. C. Bean and wife of Washington, D. C., visited at Leon Roberts' last week, and called on friends.

Isaac Bagnal and wife were in town last week. He came to install the officers in the Colony of Pilgrim Fathers.

Maria and Birchard Russell have gone to New Hampshire on their bicycles. They will have a fine spin and enjoy some grand scenery.

SOUTH PARIS.
S. L. Fogg of Bath was in town over Sunday.

Rev. A. L. Fitz and wife were in town Friday.

J. U. Purington of Bethel was in town Friday.

Miss Emma Haskell is at home from Portland.

The work on the county building is progressing finely.

C. H. Young went to Bryant Pond Tuesday on business.

Miss Annie Tuttle of Rumford was in town Thursday.

The electricies are doing a rushing business; run every half hour.

Wm. Deering, wife and daughter, are visiting at Judge Deering's.

J. H. Bates, Bowdoin '96, of Summer is in town for a few days.

A number of our people leave this week for Poland camp ground.

W. G. Hartwick and wife went to Augusta on Saturday for a few days.

Mrs. Bennett and George are spending a three weeks vacation in Buckfield.

Len Hussey and H. W. Powers started for Newry Monday, for a few days outing.

The Baptist Sunday school goes to Gibbons Grove for their annual picnic; a good time is anticipated.

A party of young people have hired a cottage at Pennessewassee for two weeks outing at that place.

SUNDAY RIVER.

Mr. H. Bartlett has purchased a new mowing machine of Mr. Charles Benson.

Mrs. C. D. Bean has gone to Portland to spend a week with her aunt, Mrs. Ingalls.

Mrs. Lucretia Bartlett, who has been stopping with her son at Bethel, has returned home.

Mr. Green Emery of Riley Plantation met with the serious loss of one of his valuable work horses.

Among the arrivals here last week were Miss Annie Bateman, her little cousin Marguerite Maden, and two lady friends of Boston, Mass.

M. I. Kilgore and wife of Bear River, with their daughter, Mrs. Kilgore of Red Wing, Minn., spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. C. F. Foster.

The long needed rain came at last and made the heart of many a farmer rejoice. Some of the farmers in this place finished haying last week and others are nearly through.

Master Robert Bean went up in his pasture to shoot squirrels, when his attention was attracted by a hornet's nest. While hunting for the nest he heard a whistle, and upon looking around discovered a young bear running at full speed. This shows that this part of the country is pretty well infested with bears.

Our genial friend and bear hunter, Mr. Leonard Leavitt, has captured a large bear of the hog species. Mr. Leavitt considers him the most ferocious of his kind that he has ever caught. While in the trap Bruin pulled up all the roots and stumps of trees around him. Mr. Leavitt says the bear tore up the largest tree he ever knew a bear to tear up while confined in a trap.

Sabbath school services were held at the red school house last Sabbath by Judge Woodbury of Bethel. The school was opened by prayer by W. K. Woodbury. The lesson on the Israelites journeying to Canaan was studied, after which Mr. Woodbury gave the children a short address so clearly explaining the lesson as to interest both parents and children.

WEST PARIS.
The farmers are nearly done haying.

Birnie Bryant is visiting relatives at Mechanic Falls.

Every one in this vicinity hopes the drought is broken.

New potatoes, cucumbers, string beans and peas are plentiful.

Rev. Dr. Bowles will lecture at the F. B. church Thursday evening, subject, his Travels in Holland.

Nina Houghton has gone to Cape Elizabeth to visit her brother, Rev. F. M. Houghton. Mr. Houghton has a cottage at the Cape and is spending his vacation there.

Miss Jennie M. Brown returned home from Boston last Saturday, and on Sunday gave those gathered at the church an interesting sketch of what she saw and heard at the Christian Endeavor meetings she attended.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 27, 1895.

In answer to a question which has appeared several times in the columns of your paper, the question, "How can rats be prevented from eating chickens, without having recourse to poison," I write the following, hoping it may be of assistance to any who are annoyed by that cunning thief, the rat.

In order to prevent rats from eating your chickens, without the use of poison, I would suggest that you throw into the rat-burrows some potash. This salt being somewhat deliquescent, becomes very sticky when exposed to the air and adheres very firmly to the fur of the rats, causing them much discomfort and ultimately driving them away. There is nothing the rats detest so much as to have anything of this nature clinging to them, and at first they will probably vacate their old burrows and dig new ones; however, if you persist in your use of potash, putting it into the new burrows as soon as they appear, you will soon succeed in driving these abominable pests from your premises.

A Subscriber.

Charles Lamb's Mark.

A hundred years ago in a quaint old English inn, located in the heart of London, at a table bare stained and aged, sat two very curious looking characters playing at cards.

One was rough, uncouth, shabby and much the worse for wear—Martin by name.

The other, poor in appearance, was, however, neat, refined and attractive, one whose genius we admire, whose wit always refreshes us, and whose character we love for its unselfishness.

He was Charles Lamb.

The two men played and played and played long into the night, and while beer and something stronger found their willing course down their ever thirsty throats, Lamb kept up his accustomed broadside of wit.

The night passed into the early morning, and yet they played.

Luck kept favoring Lamb, when to a very short victory, he added, seized with a bright idea and the consciousness of the dirt which the morning light seemed to reveal more clearly in the appearance of his companion, he said, "Martin, if dirt was trumps, what hands you would hold!"

Superstitions About Stones.

There was a curious superstition which prevailed in Essex half a century ago. It was believed that certain stones possessed the power of breeding other stones. I remember being taken by a man of the upper laboring class to see a well known breeding stone which lay on the sward by the side of a lino in the parish of South West, near Brentwood. It was seemingly a water worn block of sandstone, or possibly, I have since thought, of pudding stone, which would explain a great deal.

It was larger than a man's head, with a cup shaped cavity the size of a small orange, in which lay a pebble about as big as an acorn. I was told that this pebble continually grew larger, and that if it were removed the breeding stone would begin to breed again. It was evident that the man firmly believed what he told me, and he got quite angry when I ventured to cast a doubt upon the story. I shall be curious to learn whether any other breeding stones are known.—Notes and Queries.

The Way the War Debt Was Paid.

No nation ever took a braver course than did the United States in deliberately beginning the reduction of that enormous debt. The will to reduce it opened the way, and the payment went on by leaps and bounds. The policy was to call in high rate bonds as soon as callable and replace them

